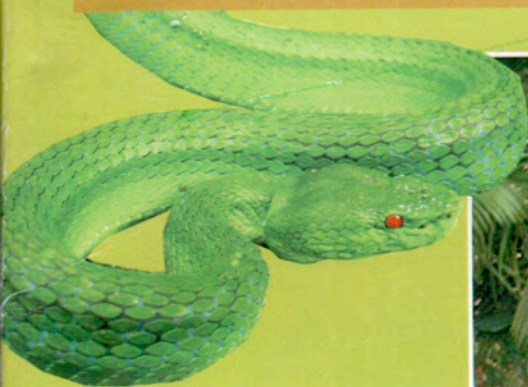


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Faunal checklists are desirable for a number of reasons, *inter alia*, studies on ecology, evolution, conservation and management. Yet, there is no up-to-date summary of the knowledge of the reptiles inhabiting the Republic of India published in the past five years, necessary, given the increasing number of new species described during this period, new records of species known from adjacent areas from within the political limits of India, and also changes at the higher (including generic and familial) levels. Such a work is also essential for specialists of nomenclature and systematists, providing accurate information with regard to spelling of species names and their authorities.

This checklist of the reptiles of India consists of species-group names (species and subspecies) arranged alphabetically. For each, the original work making available the species-group name was examined. Inclusion in the faunal list implies these are based on specimens collected from within the political boundaries of Republic of India (rather than pre-1947 India), and several records from "Greater India" or those found to be based on erroneous or uncertain records have been deleted from previous lists.

The following items are provided current name, based on the most recent revision. The original spelling is used except where mandatory changes (based on the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, Fourth Edition) are required. These include beginning the name of a species with a lower case letter, removal of hyphens, providing the required spelling when diacritical marks are removed and emending the termination of the species name to match the gender of the genus.

For the date of publication, the year given is that in which the publication became available, and may differ from the date displayed. The cut-off date for entries was 31 December 2011, and thus has significant updates from previous checklists.

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